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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR NAVOCFORMED VISIT TO TUNIS

REF: STATE 161306

SUMMARY. PROPOSED VISIT HAS CLEARED MILITARY COMMITTEE AND  
IS TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE DPC IN VERY NEAR FUTURE.  
END SUMMARY.

1. THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAS MADE THE DETERMINATION THAT  
THERE ARE NO MILITARY OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED VISIT OF  
NAVOCFORMED TO TUNIS AND HAS REQUESTED EARLY CONSIDERATION OF  
THE PROPOSAL BY THE DPC.  
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2. THE ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL HAS ISSUED PO/73/120 OF  
AUGUST 24. TEXT FOLLOWS. QUOTE:

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE AWARE OF SACEUR'S PROPOSAL

(MCM-50-73) FOR THE INCLUSION, IN THE SCHEDULE OF THE FORTH-COMING ACTIVATION OF NAVOCFORMED, OF AN INFORMAL VISIT TO TUNIS AND OF THE REASONS GIVEN IN SUPPORT OF THIS NON-NATO PORT CALL. BY THE SAME MEMORANDUM THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAS INFORMED ME THAT THERE ARE AT THIS TIME NO OBJECTIONS TO SUCH A VISIT FROM A MILITARY POINT OF VIEW AND REQUESTED THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE'S VIEWS AS TO THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS.

2. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE HAS CONSIDERED THE POSSIBILITY OF VISITS BY NAVOCFORMED TO TUNIS, BUT WITHOUT POSITIVE RESULT (VIZ IN MAY 1971 AND IN APRIL 1972). THIS SHOULD NOT, OF COURSE, PREJUDICE FRESH CONSIDERATION IN THE LIGHT OF PREVAILING CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL NOTE THAT NAVOCFORMED IS SCHEDULED TO BE ACTIVATED ON 21ST SEPTEMBER. IF A VISIT TO TUNIS IS TO TAKE PLACE AN EARLY DECISION IS REQUIRED TO ENABLE PROPER PREPARATIONS TO BE MADE. I HOPE THEREFORE THAT PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL SEEK INSTRUCTIONS AS A MATTER OF URGENCY WITH A VIEW TO A DISCUSSION IN THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

END QUOTE.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DPC MEETING MAY BE CONVENED AS EARLY AS AUGUST 29 OR 30.

4. DURING MEETING, WE INTEND TO TAKE POSITION CONTAINED IN PARA 4, REFTEL. FURTHER GUIDANCE IS NOT REQUIRED.  
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